

MINISTER WITTE INTERVIEWED

First and Only One That He Will Give Out.

HONORABLE RESULT.

Russian Statesman Says His Country Prefers That the War Continue Rather Than Have Dishonorable Peace.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—M. Witte, the senior Russian peace plenipotentiary, received the correspondent of the Associated Press at his villa on Yelagin island Monday. In according the honor of an interview to the Associated Press he said he expressly desired it stated that he had declined all previous requests of journalists for interviews and would decline all further requests. He further said that he made an exception in the case of the Associated Press, as it was the representative of the press of the United States, and as he was about to become the temporary guest of the United States, and also as a mark of the sympathy he felt toward that country. M. Witte spoke in French. After greetings, which were cordial, the conversation gravitated quickly to the high mission with which the Russian statesman is charged and the disposition of the foreign press to interpret his appointment as an indication that Russia had decided to make peace at any price.

"No, no," said he, straightening up in his chair and speaking slowly and distinctly as if weighing the value of each word. "In the first place, I have been designated by the emperor as his ambassador extraordinary for four parleys with the Japanese plenipotentiaries to ascertain whether it is possible to conclude a treaty of peace. My personal views are of secondary importance, but my ideas are in entire accord with those of my friend, Count Lamsdorff.

"In serving my emperor, I have received precise instructions from his majesty and shall follow them. "The ultimate decision remains in the hands of the emperor and it is for him to decide the destinies of Russia. The emperor is the friend of peace and desires peace, but I very much fear that the Japanese terms will be such that we will be unable to reach an accord. Secondly, the world should disabuse its mind of the idea that Russia wants peace at any price. There are two parties in Russia. One favors the continuation of the war as a outrage—this is a large and influential party.

The other, to which I belong, favors peace. I avow it frankly because, telling the truth has always been my rule in politics. I was for peace before hostilities broke out. When the war began the situation changed.

Even though there are these two parties as to the advisability of ending the war in the present circumstances, both would be united if the Japanese demands wounded the amour propre of the Russian people or jeopardized our future as a nation.

"I am sure if I report that the conditions of Japan cannot be accepted, Russia will accept the verdict and the Russian people will be ready to continue the war for years if necessary.

"Thirdly, Russia is not crushed, as the foreign press has led the world to believe. The interior situation is very serious, I do not deny, but in Europe and America the true significance of what is happening is not understood. Correspondents come here and talk with a few hundred people in St. Petersburg and Moscow, misinterpret what is happening and fill the world with false impressions as to Russia's future."

Ten Fatally Poisoned.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—The Official Messenger reports an attempt to poison a number of railway workmen at Tiflis because they resisted revolutionary intrigue. The paper says that arsenic was placed in a boiler from which the workmen made their tea. Many of the men became ill and ten died.

Sail July 26.

Washington, July 19.—Ambassador Meyer has cabled the state department that the Russian peace plenipotentiaries will sail from Cherbourg July 26.

Oversubscribed Four Times.

Tokio, July 19.—The Korean loan of \$1,000,000 was oversubscribed four times. It was the first foreign loan ever floated in Japan.

Will Soon Be Refloated.

Tokio, July 19.—It is expected that the Russian warships Pallada, Pobeda and Poltava sunk at Port Arthur, will soon be refloated.

Fought With Knives.

Oklahoma City, July 19.—Bailey Haines, who served as a soldier in the Philippines, is lying at the point of death in a hospital here as the result of a fight with knives. His opponent was dangerously stabbed, but will recover.

Cupid Gets Busy.

Durant, I. T., July 19.—During the old settlers' reunion there was an average of three weddings a day the three days it was running. Sunday one minister in this city united three couples in marriage, making a total of twelve weddings since last Thursday.

No Proclamation.

Vinita, I. T., July 19.—Chief Rogers of the Cherokee nation has announced that he will not promulgate his proclamation for an election in the Cherokee nation to be held on Aug. 7, 1905.

In warm weather Prickly Ash Bitters helps your staying qualities. Workers who use it occasionally stand the heat better and are less fatigued at night.

AMERICAN BOY.

Secretary Shaw Says There Are Few Places He Is Wanted.

Chicago, July 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Lake Geneva, Wis., says: Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has delivered the dedicatory address at the new \$50,000 Young Men's Christian Association building here. Mr. Shaw's remarks were directed to and for the benefit of the American boy. He said that there were few places the boy was wanted. He was always in the way.

"Pays are shoved out and there are few open doors for them," said Mr. Shaw. "It was to provide an open



door for the boys where they would be surrounded by good influences and be directed in paths of rectitude and virtue that this building had been provided. So that by means of right teaching and uplifting environments the boy will be enabled to become a good, upright, honest and influential citizen of the community.

"I am often asked what a boy should do, and my answer is do anything but be sure and do that thing better than it is now being done. That is the one great secret of success in this life."

NO LET UP.

Extreme Heat Is Likely to Continue For Several Days.

Washington, July 19.—The weather bureau Monday night announced that there was no prospect for several days at least of a let up of the extreme heat which has extended over the country for the past few days. The entire country from the Mississippi valley eastward to southern England and the Florida coast is in the midst of a well marked midsummer hot spell. The maximum temperatures Monday were as follows: Philadelphia, 96; Chicago, 94; Cincinnati, 94; New York, 94; Detroit, 94; Washington, 93; St. Louis, 92; Pittsburg, 92; Boston, 90.

Four Deaths, Fourteen Prostrations. Chicago, July 19.—Four deaths and fourteen prostrations were the result of the great heat of Monday.

St. Louis Sizzled.

St. Louis, July 19.—A steady hot day sizzled St. Louis Monday. A number of prostrations were reported. The maximum temperature was 98 and the maximum degree of humidity 76.

One of the Hottest.

Pittsburg, July 19.—Six deaths and six serious prostrations were the record Monday of one of the hottest days in Pittsburg for years.

HEROIC NEGRO.

Rescues a Lady and Her Little One From Death in a Well.

Eshterwood, La., July 19.—George Ned, colored, saved the life of Mrs. Thibodeaux and child, six miles south of Mermentau. The child fell into a well sixteen feet deep and the mother jumped in after it. When found by Ned the woman was holding the child by one arm and supporting herself with the other, and was almost exhausted.

Attempted Assault.

Sumter, S. C., July 19.—An attempt at criminal assault on a white woman was made at New Sumter, three miles north of here. One negro arrested, but not identified positively, was sent to Columbia for safe keeping.

Farmer Cremated.

Des Moines, Ia., July 19.—Residence of S. E. Howard, near Shambaugh, burned, and I. J. Howard cremated.

PINE BLUFF DROPPED.

Cotton States Baseball League Reduced Vicksburg, Miss., July 19.—At a meeting of the Cotton States Baseball league held in this city, Pine Bluff, winner of last year's pennant, was dropped from membership and the league reduced to six teams, Hattiesburg having surrendered its franchise a week ago.

Southern League.

Atlanta, 1; Memphis, 0. Little Rock, 4; Montgomery, 3; eleven innings. Birmingham, 5; Shreveport, 6.

American League.

Cleveland, 4; New York, 1. Detroit, 4; Philadelphia, 3. Washington, 7; Chicago, 4. St. Louis, 3; Boston, 2.

National League.

Pittsburg, 3; New York, 0. Cincinnati, 1; Philadelphia, 0. Boston, 4; St. Louis, 3. Chicago, 1; Brooklyn, 0.

Texas League.

Dallas, 5; Temple, 3. Fort Worth, 3; Waco, 0.

North Texas League.

Paris, 9; Greenville, 5.

South Texas League.

Beaumont, 9; Houston, 6. San Antonio, 5; Galveston, 0.

TO DEPOSE OF CZAR NICHOLAS

Sensational Report Was In Circulation Tuesday.

SON AS HIS SUCCESSOR

Story as Related at Russian Capital Was That a Regency, Composed of Four Grand Dukes, Is to Have Charge.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—A sensational rumor was current here Tuesday that a large party of Zemstvolists and Doumalists at Moscow were in favor of proclamation of the deposition of Emperor Nicholas and the establishment of regency for Grand Duke Alexis Nikolaevitch (infant son of the emperor and heir to the throne) under four grand dukes. It is alleged that for this reason the meeting of the Russian Zemstvolist and Doumalist congress, which was to have taken place Wednesday at Moscow, had been prohibited.

FINAL INTERVIEW.

Witte Confers With Emperor Nicholas Preparatory to Starting.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—M. Witte had a final interview with Emperor Nicholas at Peterhof Tuesday. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff was present, showing complete harmony of views between M. Witte and the foreign minister. M. Witte leaves St. Petersburg for Paris accompanied by Mme. Witte. At Paris they meet their daughter, who is the wife of the secretary of the Russian legation at Brussels. Mme. Witte has no intention of joining her husband later in America.

Will Call Many.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—It is given out that 475,246 men will be called upon to perform military service during the present year.

NOTABLE NUPTIALS.

Miss Rose Pastor and John G. Phelps Stokes Wedded.

Stamford, Conn., July 19.—The wedding of Miss Rose Pastor to John G. Phelps Stokes, second son of Anson Phelps Stokes, which took place at noon Tuesday in St. Luke's Episcopal church at Noroton, was exceedingly modest in its appointments, although among the Noroton people it was regarded as the social event of the season. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Louis Funch, rector of St. Luke's, assisted by the groom's brother, Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of New Haven, secretary of Yale university. The bride wore a simple dress of white mousseline de soie. Palm and daisies were used as the church decorations. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at Brick House, the country residence of the groom's parents, in Noroton, about a mile from the church. Nearly 100 guests were present, including members of the two families and intimate personal friends of the bride and groom.

It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes to go abroad for about two months. Upon their return they will take up their residence on Lower East Side New York, where they will continue settlement work, in which both have been engaged.

HOTEL HOLOCAUST.

Five Grown Persons and a Baby Cremated at Wabash, Minn.

Wabash, Minn., July 19.—Six persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Depot hotel. The dead are: Mrs. A. Hoffman and baby, Robert Johnson, expressman, Gertrude Spencer, Rebecca Herman, James Hunt.

The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas tank used for the illuminating tank.

REFUGE ON ROOFS.

Many Philadelphia People Did This to Avoid Excessive Heat.

Philadelphia, July 19.—At 8 o'clock Tuesday morning the government thermometer at the postoffice building registered 85 degrees, nine degrees higher than at the same hour Monday. The suffering among the poorer classes in the tenement district is intense. During Monday night hundreds of persons sought the roofs of their homes that they might catch a breath of air and secure relief. Official forecast says there is little hope of any break in the hot spell soon.

Acquired New Energy.

Boston, July 19.—The heat, which acquired new energy late Monday, continued Tuesday. During Monday night the mercury did not go below 70 and it began to rise with the dawn. By 10 o'clock it stood at 88, according to the weather bureau thermometer.

Improvement Indicated.

Washington, July 19.—The weekly bulletin weather bureau says: "While too rapid growth of cotton and light fruiting are very generally reported throughout the cotton belt, an improvement is indicated in many districts."

Ask your neighbor. He will tell you Phifer & Co. sell good groceries cheap.

AT PEACE WITH GOD.

Three Negroes Expressed Themselves as Ready For Death.

Memphis, July 19.—Toots Taylor, A. M. Miles and Major Mills, negro murderers, were hanged in the court yard of Shelby county jail here Tuesday. Arrangements had been made by Sheriff Monteverde for the execution of six men, all sentenced to die Tuesday, but a stay of execution of thirty days was granted by Governor Cox in the cases of John Champion, James Norfleet and General Bone. Taylor and Mills ascended the scaffold together. The men had bene baptized and said they were at peace with God. Taylor's neck was broken and he died in eight minutes. Major Mills died from strangulation after fifteen minutes of suffering. When the bodies of the two men were removed Mills was led to the scaffold. He showed little agitation and said he was ready to die. The man was pronounced dead in ten minutes after the drop fell. About 150 spectators witnessed the executions.

LYNCHING LIKELY.

Negro Attempted, It Is Alleged, Assault on White Girl.

Little Rock, July 19.—A lynching is likely at Nashville, Howard county, according to a special received by the Gazette. David Jeans, a negro, whom it is alleged attempted assault on Miss Willie Reeder, daughter of a prominent family, has been captured by a posse of citizens at Spring Hill, eight miles from Nashville.

The sheriff has gone to the scene, but no word has been received of the whereabouts of the prisoner.

STATION DESTROYED.

Loss Is Estimated at Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Louisville, Ky., July 19.—The union passenger station at Tenth and Broadway was destroyed by fire Monday night, entailing a loss of over \$350,000. The amount of insurance is not known. The fire was discovered about 9:20 o'clock on the top floor of the four-story stone structure and although every fire engine in the city except the reserve was on the scene in half an hour, the flames gained steadily and two hours after the start the building was eaten to a shell.

GENERAL PINTO DEAD.

Was in Storming Party That Placed Flag on Chapultepec.

New York, July 19.—General Francis E. Pinto, who was the only surviving commissioned officer of the First regiment, New York Volunteers, which served with distinction in the Mexican war, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. He was eighty-three years old. General Pinto was in the storming party which placed the first flag on the walls of Chapultepec.

Contempt Charged.

Cincinnati, July 19.—Mayor August Heintzhold of Newport, Ky., and Policemen Ryan and Flynn of that city were arrested on a warrant sworn out before Judge Cochran at Mayville charged with contempt of court. The men were released on their own recognizance to appear before the United States circuit court at Covington on Oct. 16.

Taken to Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., July 19.—Sheriff Chandler of Etowah county, accompanied by deputies, arrived in Birmingham with Vance Gardner, Bunk Richardson and Will Johnson, three of the negroes charged with the murder and criminal assault of Mrs. S. J. Smith near Gadsden, Saturday night. The prisoners were placed in the Jefferson county jail for safe keeping.

Husband Accused.

Nashville, July 19.—A Decatur, Ala., special to the Banner says the lifeless and badly mutilated body of Mrs. Emmet Parkall, a white woman, aged twenty-one, was found on the Southern railroad near Hillsboro, Ala. Her husband has been arrested charged with murdering the woman.

Hyde Resigns.

Washington, July 19.—Chief Statistician Hyde of the department of agriculture has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by Secretary Wilson. Assistant Secretary Hayes has been detailed to take charge of the statistical work until the vacancy is filled.

MINOR MATTERS.

Queen of Italy will visit this country. Beatty oil well at Humble, Tex., is flowing 500 barrels daily.

Senator Culberson has returned to Dallas from Washington.

Central Texas peach crop is large and quality of fruit excellent.

San Antonio dogs are dying by the score from an unknown disease.

A young Mexican named Silvero fell from a box car at Laredo and died.

Work of dredging Red river between Denison and Arthur City is under way.

Ex-Representative T. J. Floyd died near McDade, Tex., from a spider bite.

Albert Denaly was badly beaten by a fellow worker in the Katy shops at Denison.

Colonel Thomas Soward of Guthrie has been appointed Oklahoma grain inspector.

Santa Fe railway officials believe cattle will move heavily from San Angelo country.

A military company of seventy-five members has been formed at Corpus Christi.

Illinois Mennonites contemplate purchasing 12,000 acres in South Texas for a colony.

J. H. Bradshaw of near Gainesville, Tex., has raised a second crop of strawberries this year.

Entire family of T. J. Miller of Wharton, Tex., was seriously poisoned by eating canned peaches.

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